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MONTANA D.E.S. ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Even though I was awaiting the call with hopeful anticipation, General Blair's disarming greeting on the twelfth of April still generated a surge of excitement at the prospect of being offered what I consider to be one of the best jobs in the State of Montana. In my three years as the Deputy Inspector at Malmstrom AFB, I had worked with many of the local DES coordinators, and I had developed a professional respect for their ability to prepare for and to cope with the challenges of natural and man-made disasters. My acceptance of the position of Administrator will afford me the opportunity to expand this relationship by becoming an integral part of this vital team.

I view the role of the disaster and emergency services system as being a cooperative venture in protecting the people of Montana. The coordinator on the scene of any disaster can be compared to the highly visible "tip of the iceberg". But beneath the surface, a sound base of preparation with thorough training, proper equipment, and access to the latest technical advice supports the structure. As your State counterparts, we in the Disaster and Emergency Services Division will continue to provide this essential support and to seek new and innovative ways of cooperation. To implement this pledge, I am going to devote a significant portion of my first four months on the job to visiting with you and your County Commissioners. I look forward to seeing you!

Guy Youngblood

See biographical information in Comings and Goings. Ed.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CONTACT
May 2	MAYFLY - National Security Exercise		Dan Lieberg
3-5	Regional State Director's Meeting	Denver, CO	Guy Youngblood
4-5	Northern Region Coordination Group	Missoula	Bill Thomas
22-23	Creative Finance Course	Great Falls	Bill Murray
24-25	Training Needs Assessment Seminar	Helena	Kate Selby
Jun 13-15	Exercise Design Course	Miles City	Kate Selby
Jul 1	**Preliminary CCA Submitted to Region 8**		**Ken Grieb**
4	**Independence Day**		
6	District II Meeting	Great Falls	Doug Pitt
10	3rd Quarter Statement of Work Due		District Reps.
15	Preliminary CCA Submitted to Region 8		Ken Grieb
25-29	Shelter Systems Officer Course	Great Falls	Kate Selby
Aug 14-18	Emergency Planning Course	Park City, UT	Kate Selby
18	Newsletter Articles Due	Helena	Mary Arnold
Sep 11-15	Fundamentals Course for Rad. Officers	Rapid City, SD	Dan Lieberg

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MONTANA RAIL LINK

MRL's 24-hour number has been changed to 523-1463, a Missoula number. When a derailment occurs on the MRL line, all information is funneled through this number. The person answering this phone has a call-down list, which includes contact numbers for local and state response agencies along the MRL line.

Federal Regulations do not require MRL to report **all** derailments to state and local officials. Only those derailments requiring reports, per Federal Regulations, will be reported by MRL unless circumstances dictate otherwise, e.g., a train hauling paper products and automobiles derails and blocks a crossing. State and local officials will be notified if there are hazardous materials, death(s), injuries or fire involved in the derailment. Please update your resource manual with this information.

Dan Lieberg

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RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AND YOU

We have been advised by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to not receive any radioactive material for disposal. It seems the expense for disposal is extremely high and some isotopes will not be accepted at some disposal sites. If someone asks you to come and pick up a radioactive source, I would strongly suggest you have that person contact the Occupational Health Bureau of the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences at 444-3671 to get advice on disposal. If you have any questions on this, contact Dan Lieberg.

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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY

MEMORIAL DAY

WEEKEND !

MONTANA WATER PLANNING

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is sponsoring a series of 10 public meetings to identify critical water management issues in Montana and decide on the next issues to address in the state water planning process.

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

May 15	Butte, War Bonnet Inn
May 16	Dillon, Western Montana College Auditorium
May 17	Hamilton, Courthouse Basement Conference Room
May 18	Kalispell, Outlaw Inn
May 19	Great Falls, Heritage Inn
May 22	Lewistown, Yogo Inn
May 23	Wolf Point, Sherman Inn
May 24	Glendive, Holiday Lodge
May 25	Laurel, Locomotive Inn
May 26	Bozeman, Gran Tree Inn

For more information, contact Matthew McKinney at DNRC, 444-6889.

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HAZMAT COURSES OFFERED

The Fire Services Training School is offering a Hazardous Materials Incident Management Course in May and June.

This 12-16 hour course is designed to give the information and skills to: establish a command post, perform size-up, develop and implement an action plan, transfer command and organize an incident using the Incident Command System (ICS).

The course has been certified for 15 hours of continuing education credit through the DHES, EMS Bureau. It is also P.O.S.T. certified by the Law Enforcement Academy.

The courses will be held:

May 3-4 at Great Falls VoTech
20-21 at Dawson Community College

June 3-4 at Sheridan Co. Crthse
22-23 at Missoula VoTech
29-30 at Lake County Crthse

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The following article was contributed by Brenda Graham of the National Weather Service.

NWS INCREASES SERVICE

The National Weather Service has recently made a change in the administration of their hydrological services within the state of Montana. Early last summer John Fassler, former Service Hydrologist for Montana, retired from the Weather Service. Since then, a decision was made to have two Hydrologists in the state, one in Great Falls to serve east of the Continental Divide, another in Missoula to serve drainages west of the Divide. All services provided by Mr. Fassler in years past are still available, but now there is a new contact at the Weather Service Office in Missoula for information regarding locations west of the Divide.

Hydrologic Services provided by the Weather Service include major river and stream flood forecasting, maintenance of a weather observation network, maintenance of some river gauges, water supply forecasts, and spring runoff forecasts.

The new contact at the Weather Service in Missoula is Brenda Graham. Brenda has a degree in Meteorology from the University of Washington and has been with the Weather Service for seven years, previously working in Alaska, Washington, Arizona, and most recently Oregon before coming to Montana mid-1988.

The Weather Service in Missoula is available to you as an information resource for hydrology related disaster situations, either during planning or as an event occurs. If you have questions or would like help, you may contact the Weather Service directly at:

National Weather Service
5225 Hwy 10 West, Box 12
Missoula, MT 59801
Phone: 329-4840

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The following article was submitted by Paul Spengler, Lewis & Clark County DES Coordinator.

TRAIN EXPLOSION ROCKS HELENA

A worst-case scenario for a tabletop exercise could be:

- 70 degrees below zero wind chill
- a blast so big that many think it is a nuclear detonation
- power out in most of the city
- phones are out in the EOC
- radio repeater is out because of power outage
- cars will not start
- 3,500 people are evacuated

As a county commissioner commented, "I always thought that these were unrealistic situations in exercises, and now I realize that they can happen."

And happen they did, at 4:48 a.m., on the coldest day of the decade in Helena, February 2. A runaway train of 49 cars collided with three helper engines at the crossing next to Carroll College. A hydrogen peroxide tank car exploded with a force so powerful that it lit up the skyline for miles with a white-yellow flash.

The explosion broke hundreds of windows up to a mile away and pieces of tank car were hurdled through buildings for hundreds of yards. Carroll College suffered over $5 million in property damage, the concrete plant next to the explosion received about one-quarter million dollars in damage, and the numerous buildings damaged in the city will add thousands more to the damage estimate.

The Helena Fire Department fought a fire in a polyethylene (plastic) pellet car for over 30 hours. Twenty-three cars were derailed in a jumbled mess that made identification of the cars extremely difficult. The fire department was assisted by crews from the National Guard, the Helena Airport and Malmstrom AFB.

Miraculously no one was killed or injured by the blast. Few people were up and about at that time of the morning, and the timeliness of the explosion prevented a catastrophe. One EMT was overcome by hydrogen peroxide gas and was hospitalized in intensive care for 1-1/2 days. Another ten emergency responders were treated and released for smoke inhalation.

The Helena Police Department, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol evacuated about 3,500 people in a one-mile perimeter around the derailment site. Most of the evacuees were sheltered by the Red Cross and National Guard in the Armory, which was one of the few buildings with heat and lights that morning. Other shelters were used, but were closed.

The city-county EOC was staffed by up to 30 people, trying to sort out information from the field. Communication was a problem. Both radio and telephone systems failed. U.S. West provided eight emergency phones later in the morning, which were a tremendous help. Montana Power sent a liaison officer to apprise the mayor and city manager of the situation with the power outage. This was beneficial, because many calls were inquiries about restoration of service.

Confusion reigned throughout the day about identification of the hazardous materials aboard the train. The burning pellet car was first thought to be polyvinylchloride, which gives off toxic fumes when on fire. There were three of these cars on the train, but were not afire, as it was later learned. Fortunately for Helena, the most toxic car on the train, Phenol, or carbolic acid, did not catch fire or explode, and it was pulled away by the Montana Rail Link crews at 7:30 a.m.

The National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating the accident. The first thing that one of its many investigators asked when he arrived at the EOC on the day after the explosion, was "Do you have a plan?" When he received his copy, he asked his second question, "Can you document the planning process through meeting summaries?" Meaning, did you have meetings and work at developing and writing your own plan, rather than copy someone else's. Fortunately, the Local Emergency Planning Committee worked for one year to write the plan, which we could prove through meeting records. We are now in the process of revising that plan for our next HAZMAT incident.

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THE MISADVENTURES OF JAMES KUJAWA SHELTER SURVEYOR EXTRAORDINAIRE

In Montana the saying goes, if you don't like the weather wait fifteen minutes. At 11:02 a.m. on Tuesday,

January 31. I personally witnessed this phenomena. In Polson, I was surveying the fourth flood of a building called Salish House, and from that vantage point I was able to actually see a wave of cold air moving down Flathead Lake, pushing hot air up and water and ice toward Polson on rather large whitecaps. When the wave engulfed the building, the temperature plummeted from 49° to 0°; and the accompanying wind caused the window that the owner and I were looking out of to break and blow in. We were not injured, and since the building was undergoing some remodeling, we found some plywood to place over the window frame. Needless to say, surveying Polson had ended for that week. Little did I know that two days later, the weather problems would be compounded by the MRL derailment and explosion in Helena. As it were [sic], it took me two days just to make the trip back to Helena.

Aside from weather hampering progress in facility surveying, I was able to complete some surveys of Lake County in early January; but with the derailment, explosion, and Governor's Conference all coming on the heels of one another, February was spent mostly in the office.

Training was once again priority the first two weeks in March. In order to continue working as a shelter surveyor, I needed to become certified by FEMA as a fallout shelter analyst. This is done by attending a two week course at EMI, and passing two tests with a grade of no less than 70%. Somehow I lucked out and managed to pass both exams (with a grade of 100%). By the way, if anybody is going back to EMI soon, I have a "slightly" used recreation association membership card for sale. This will allow you to discuss your daily training, while partaking of the spirits.

The last week in March I discovered what being off probation really means: Duty Officer! However, I had a relatively quiet duty week, and I hope that things in Montana will remain that way.

Survey plans for the next quarter are: to complete Lake County; Polson and Ronan are done, and I hope to complete St. Ignatius and the remainder of the county in 3 to 4 weeks. Then I am off to Flathead County for most of the summer and Jefferson County in the fall, so Kim Potter and Jim McCauley, keep a lookout for me cause I will be wanderin' in soon.

Jim Kujawa

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RADIO CONSULTANT

In the previous DES newsletter I reported that the Department of Administration was in the process of hiring a land-mobile radio consultant to study radio communication problems in the State of Montana.

Federal Engineering has been selected as the consultant. Their office is located in Fairfax, Virginia.

The Montana Public Safety Mutual Aid Radio Frequency study and recommendation is a priority item for the consultant. Federal Engineering has completed this study and submitted their recommendations to the Department of Administration. The recommendations will be presented to the Task Force on Public Safety Communications in Helena on May 4, 1989, which I will attend as a member of the task force.

Since the mutual aid frequencies and the policies governing their use are important to all of us in the disaster

business, I will keep you informed on any developments in this area.

Homer Young

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SANDBAGS-SANDBAGS-SANDBAGS

After the long dry spell we have had in Montana, the real spring weather has made folks think of spring flooding. These thoughts and rising stream levels usually result in a phone call to us asking about sandbags.

Yes, we still have sandbags...bales and bales of sandbags.

Our sandbags meet U.S. Corps of Engineers requirements and can be requested by contacting the DES Duty Officer.

Transportation is the responsibility of the requestor, but we will help you arrange to get them there. Sandbags must be returned in-kind to the DES Division in Helena.

Copies of the Sandbag Distribution policy are available from your District Representative. Also available is a list of companies that sell sandbags and can have them delivered.

If you have any questions about sandbags contact our Operations Officer, Chris Christensen, or your District Representative.

Mary Arnold

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DATA USER'S GROUP MEETING

The State and Local Emergency Management Data User's Group met April 4-7, in Charleston, SC. These meetings are a great opportunity to get and give information on: what FEMA is doing with computers, what software applications other states have developed and how local emergency managers are using data processing to make their jobs easier.

One of the best parts of this years meeting was the software competition. Emergency management representatives nationwide submitted original software or software applications and supporting documentation for judging. The application had to be usable and useful to others in emergency services.

The three finalists received invitational travel to the Charleston meeting where they presented and demonstrated the software. The first place winner was the New York State RE: Source, Version 3.5. (Copies of this software and the documentation are available from the Helena Office or your District Representative.)

Next year's meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, UT, the first or second week in April. Contact me if you are interested in attending.

Mary Arnold

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NAPB-90 and SHELTER ALLOCATION

After the Nuclear Attack Planning Base - 1990 (NAPB-90) presentation by Jerry Martin, then FEMA, Region VIII, many went away thinking Montana was in a hopeless situation. With every existent 1.5 megaton nuclear warhead in the Soviet arsenal targeted on our state (and every other state, as well) the projected fallout was lethal.

After 2 years of revisions, targeting checks and reality checks, the NAPB-90 projections have changed. Montana is definitely still a target, but the expected warhead kilotonage has been dramatically reduced. Target or blast areas have not changed, but

the resultant fallout on non-target areas is projected to be much less.

NAPB-90 is still changing. However, the changes that have been made already allow us to plan for sheltering Montanans in areas of lesser hazard. The Montana Hazard/Vulnerability Analysis shows a lesser fallout risk in western Montana counties. These counties are therefore the most reasonable place to relocate people from higher risk areas. Unfortunately, here the job becomes more difficult.

Past relocation and sheltering methods suggest moving people from one area (or county) en masse to another location. Community Shelter Plans (CSP) and Crisis Relocation Plans (CRP) written in the mid 1970's used this technique. It is simple. It keeps governmental entities intact and it provides known resources to the host area.

Shelter surveying has been unable to keep up with the population growth and building development throughout Montana. The buildings exist in the western counties, but the capabilities and protection offered by these unsurveyed facilities are unknown.

As more buildings are surveyed and more data is analyzed, it will be easier to write shelter allocation plans that will function. Until then, we will continue to do the best job possible with the information we have.

Mary Arnold

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*** * * DISTRICT I HIGHLIGHTS * * ***

1. As might be expected, the arctic front which hit Montana in February stirred up activity for local DES organizations. Powell County hosted four bus loads of stranded passengers in the community center in Deer Lodge (Greyhound Bus picked up the tab); stranded travelers in Beaverhead County strained resources in Lima when Monida Pass was closed and prompted increased communication between Idaho and Montana to help resolve future problems. In Beaverhead County, Coordinator Larry Laknar was a key individual in helping to resolve a problem which arose when it became evident that local business establishments were losing revenue when relief organizations began feeding and sheltering those stranded.

2. There have been several gasoline spills in the district in recent weeks. Most of the spills, ranging from a dozen to several dozen gallons, have occurred at local filling stations during transfer operations from tank trucks to underground storage tanks. One bulk distributor, when presented with cleanup bill, agreed to pay it, and pointed out that such spills occur frequently throughout the county, but are unreported.

3. When the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) was in Lewis and Clark County investigating the MRL derailment, which resulted in an explosion and large-scale evacuation, the inspectors asked DES coordinator Paul Spengler for documentation to prove that the county emergency operations plan was a community effort and not merely a paper document copied from some other county. Paul was able to provide the NTSB with copies of minutes of disaster planning committee meetings. The minutes will apparently be used by the NTSB in their report to congress. (See related newsletter article.)

4. Of the seven Disaster Response Questionnaires (DRQ) submitted by District I counties for exercise credit for the 1988 wildfires, six have been approved so far.

5. The National Weather Service preliminary tornado statistics for 1988 indicate that there were more tornadoes reported in Montana (20) than in the "Tornado Alley" states of Ohio (0), Kentucky (5), West Virginia (0), or Tennessee (11). Texas led the way with 89.

6. Butte-Silver Bow will be installing the CAMEO (Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations) system in the near future. The system is up and running in Missoula County, Gallatin County and other counties. CAMEO is a user-friendly software package that contains information on more than 2,600 chemicals, keeps Title III plans and records, runs and stores test scenarios for quick retrieval in an emergency, does preliminary risk assessment calculations, and more, on a personal computer. The CAMEO system is free from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and was described in previous issues of the State DES and Fireguard newsletters. For more information, call or write CAMEO Database Manager, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Hazardous Materials Response Branch. 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98115 (206) 526-6317, or contact Mary Arnold for an order form.

7. On January 15 a truck carrying 46,000 lbs. of a highly toxic pesticide overturned at about 7:30 p.m., near St. Regis in Mineral County. Deputy DES coordinator Gordon Hendrick coordinated operations until John Jackman, DES Coordinator, returned from a trip out of the county. The truck driver and his wife were both hospitalized, the wife with serious injuries. Clean-up efforts were directed by the manufacturer (Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company, Woodbine, GA).

8. Congratulation to Orin Olsgaard and Missoula County for being awarded a $10,000 hazard mitigation grant by FEMA.

9. Blizzard conditions in Lake County in early March isolated several ranches and dozens of people in the Polson vicinity and prompted virtual round-the-clock road plowing operations. Coordinator Dick Giffin reported that the county had made arrangements for rescue if necessary. Snowmobiles were rigged to provide emergency ambulance service.

10. Rapid snowmelt accompanied by rain in early March caused minor flooding in several counties. In several cases, individual homeowners expressed their wrath and frustration and made threats to DES coordinators in some fairly rough language. (Learn any new words, Reba?) We appreciate being notified of even minor flooding; such reports enable us to have a better picture of problems around the state and to think about gearing up in case the situation become worse.

11. Earl Wahl, Powell County DES reported that the driver of a truck carrying hazardous materials was killed in a collision with a state snow plow near Ovando about 6:30 a.m., Friday, March 10. The truck was carrying 2,4-D weed killer, some of which leaked. The Missoula Rural Fire Department hazardous materials team responded at no expense to Powell County. Others on-scene included DES, sheriff, highway patrol, state health, state agriculture, county coroner, and Cenex. Curious passers-by walked through the materials before a cordon could be set up.

12. At 2:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18, several cars of a Montana Rail Link (MRL) train derailed near Avon in Powell County. One of the cars, which apparently did not derail, contained

pentachlorophenol (guide no. 53 in yellow DOT book). An MRL employees was quoted in an AP article in the Missoulian as saying there were "...no hazardous materials involved." The State DES duty officer was notified of the derailment at approximately 5:50 a.m.

Bill Thomas

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* * * DISTRICT II HIGHLIGHTS * * *

Several counties within District II experienced flooding associated with the early warmup and heavy snow cover. Numerous culverts and road surfaces were washed out in Teton, Pondera, Glacier, Liberty and Chouteau Counties. The most severe damage seemed to be centered on Liberty and Chouteau Counties with one 10' culvert destroyed, another damaged, several 6' and 3' culverts destroyed and washed out. Several roads were closed for a week with some still closed. Approximately 18" of snow was on the ground from Tiber Reservoir to the east and it melted off in one or two days sending large amounts of water into low areas. Lewistown experienced minor flooding when a small dike gave way allowing ponded water to overflow the creek banks. Winnett lost their sewage line when a plug washed out where the line crosses McDonald Creek. They were without sewer services for two weeks. Other areas also suffered from minor flooding.

Of course the sad news from the District concerns the passing on of our good friend and former associate Gil Wethern of Chouteau County. Gil was the kindest man I've ever known. He had a deep and genuine concern for all. In our eight or nine years of friendship, I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. All who knocked on his door were greeted with a warm smile and a friendly hello. To his lovely wife and family we offer our condolences. We really will miss hearing him say "...let me show you...".

Chuck McCombs

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* * * DISTRICT III HIGHLIGHTS * * *

DISASTER RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRES (DRQ)

As reported in the last issue of this newsletter, the State of Montana was under siege after one of the worst forest fire seasons in history. Even though there was a lot of damage and destruction as a result of the forest fires, one good thing did happen. Twelve of the thirteen counties in District III completed DRQ's on their response to the forest fires and FEMA approved all of them as full-scale exercises toward their 5-year exercise program. Even through it involved some more paper work in completing the DRQ's, it was well worth it. All of the counties that received the full-scale exercise credit are still committed to an exercise program. It has helped them be more prepared in the past and surely will help them in the future.

BIG HORN COUNTY HAS A NEW DES COORDINATOR

Effective February 7, 1989, Craig Taft was appointed by the Big Horn County Commissioners as the DES Coordinator.

HELENA AND CARROLL COLLEGE ROCKED BY EXPLOSION

On Thursday, February 2, 1989, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Carroll College and the City of Helena were rudely awakened by a massive explosion. The explosion was the end result of a runaway train colliding

with a helper engine. Approximately 3,500 area residents and college students were evacuated to shelters and some 20,000 Helena residents were without power. The temperature was 35 degrees below zero, with a wind chill factor of 70° below. The County EOC was activated and provided the needed coordination throughout the response. Carroll College received extensive damage, as well as area homes and businesses. For more information on this explosion see a related article in this newsletter.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

Congratulations to Mark and Kathy Kirkpatrick of Ryegate (Golden Valley) as they are the proud parents of **TWIN BOYS**. The twins were born on April 8, 1989, in Billings and weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and 6 lbs and 12 oz. Congratulations again to Mark and Kathy.

RED CROSS TO THE RESCUE

Ed Swetish, (a former RADEF Technician with the State DES Office) Disaster Chairman for the Lewis and Clark Chapter of the Red Cross, just completed a three week tour of duty in Brownsville, Texas. Ed, along with fellow Red Cross personnel, provided mass feeding and shelter management for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service at Brownsville. Ed said "the tour was fun, but two weeks of KP duty was tough on the hands and back." Job well done Ed, and keep up the good work - Amigo.

Jim Anderson

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*** * * DISTRICT IV HIGHLIGHTS * * ***

Prairie County has a new Coordinator hired to replace Dwight Tague. Dwight resigned to devote his full-time to building his shop and doing mechanical repair in the Terry area. The new Prairie County Coordinator, Wesley Plann has retired from State Government. Wes and his wife bought a home just outside of Terry and both are very involved in many local activities.

Roosevelt County has a new DES secretary, Marlene Toavs.

Most District IV Counties are actively planning to participate in the "Mayfly Exercise." District IV has had three mini-meetings to plan cooperatively for the exercise. I am positive each county will do well.

Each county should continue to upgrade the County EOP and associated SOP's. Make sure you include the necessary signatures in the update.

State Law requires each local government department to submit their budget by June 10th to the respective local government unit. When you do this, would you also make a copy for me. I will pick it up when you and I do the FFY-90 "Statement of Work" in either May or June, 1989. In preparation for completion of the SOW, it would help if you could review position descriptions and staffing patterns.

I think I have ~~SPRING FEVER~~. I had to replace a fan belt on the road the other day and I found myself wishing the replacement would take a day or two. Sure was peaceful out there.

Norman Parrent

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

George M. DeWolf retired as administrator of the Disaster and Emergency Services Division December 31,

1988. George received the best wishes of his friends and colleagues at a banquet in his honor on January 5. We'll miss you, George.

We will also miss Col. David M. Nathe, Army National Guard and Chief of Staff, who was the DES Division acting administrator for six (6) months. Thanks for everything, Dave.

F. Guy Youngblood, currently an Air Force Major stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, has been hired as Administrator of the Disaster and Emergency Services Division. He will start working in the Helena Office June 1, 1989.

Guy is retiring after 20 years of duty in the Air Force. His most recent assignment, as Deputy Wing Inspector, allowed him to meet local DES coordinators during off-base training exercises in Fergus and Lewis and Clark Counties.

Guy has a bachelor's degree in history from Lamar University and began graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. He graduated with honors from the Defense Language Institute for his Japanese language studies.

Guy is originally from Beaumont, TX. He was stationed in Thailand and Japan in the early 1970's and has been at Malmstrom since September 1982.

Win, his wife, has a degree in electrical engineering and is a Major in the Air Force Reserve. She will be student teaching in the Great Falls public school district this fall to complete her degree in elementary education. She and their daughter Leslie will continue to live in Great Falls through December. Their daughters Deborah, Cynthia and Michelle all live in California.

Eda Reid was appointed Flathead County DES secretary effective February 27, 1989.

Gil Wethern, former Chouteau County DES Coordinator died March 28, 1989. Memorials may be made to the Ft. Benton Memorial Ambulance Service.

Wesley Plann has replaced Dwight Tague as Prairie County DES Coordinator.

Craig Taft has replaced Jim Karn as Big Horn County DES Coordinator.

Jan Henry has left the DPI program to become a federal bureaucrat. Jan is working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver as a community planner. After years of complaining about dam plans, he will be showing us all how a good fed helps local jurisdictions with warning systems for high hazard dams. Good Luck, Jan! We will miss you.

Bob Musselman is moving from the Population Protection Program to the Disaster Preparedness Improvement position vacated by Jan Henry.

Ron Wallem, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers retires May 3, 1989. Ron has been our contact at Fort Peck for many years. He offered help many times during floods and training courses.

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

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Mary Arnold, Editor.

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